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Upon his return from consultations with French delegates at the recent congress of Works Management Committee in Turin, Renato Bitossi submitted to the PCI Directorate concrete proposals for a program of strikes and agitations. Those proposals, which have already been accepted by the Directorate and are being put into effect, contain the following points:



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- Each provincial labor exchange will submit a memorandum specifying the numbers of unemployed individuals and pensioners in the area, and the general economic level and requirements of the province, such as in public works.
- On the basis of these reports, Bitossi and members of the PCI Directorate will work out a coordinated plan for agitation, to include strikes and large scale "noncooperation" activities in factories and demonstrations of the unemployed.
- Agitations and demands on the Government will increase in tempo up to 1 May 1949, at which time a demonstration of "exceptional importance" will be staged.
- A general strike will be called in the week following 1 May 1949 and the resignation of the present government and the setting up of a coalition government will be demanded. Political personalities such as Francesco Nittl and Vittorio Emanuele Orlando will be called on to "save Italy from chaos and civil war".
- It is also reported that Togliatti recently stated that "the political situation must be clarified in May". He added that the lessons learned from the general strike on 14 July 1948 offered good chance of success for the general strike in May, but if it failed this time the Party must be ready for a period of illegal struggle. Togliatti also said that governments of "broad national concentration" must be formed in May in ooth France and Italy, even if the existing Prime Ministers remained in office.

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